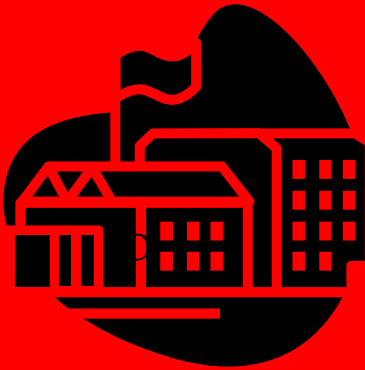


Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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Teacher Notes:

If you or a family member is able to volunteer in the classroom, please let me know. We would love to have some extra hands during center time (11:30-12:00) and in the afternoons (1:15-2:30). If these times do not work for you, let me know a convenient time. Also, if you are unable to come in but would like to help material preparation at home, let me know. I appreciate any and all extra help!

Language Arts:

Continuing to learn about the letter "m" was combined with some fun mice activities. There are wonderful children's books about mice that tie in well with our curriculum. One of my favorite authors is Leo Lionni, and I shared several of his stories with the children including Alexander and the Wind-up Mouse. We also read several of Laura Numeroff's books, but we had the most fun with the book, If you give a mouse a cookie.... The children learned about circle stories, and we made a puppet and stuffed it with picture cues to aid in the retelling of the story along with a special treat for you to share as a family. My favorite was learning about If you take a mouse to the movies..., because we popped popcorn after the story. YUM! Other activities included making mouse headbands and acting out the story, "Who ate the cheese?" To end our mouse unit, we read the book Mouse Paint and were able to learn about mixing colors to make new colors. We retold the story with food color and water and water colors in individually made books. Wow, what a fun week!

Math:

Circles are everywhere in our school, and we were able to learn this first hand by taking a walk and taking photos of various circles with digital cameras. After the pictures were printed out, we began making a book about shapes that we will add to with each new shape in the coming months. It is always fun to tie literature in with a math lesson, so to practice counting backwards from 10, I shared the book, Mouse Count, with the children. It was a fun book about a snake, some mice, and a jar; ask your child to share with you. To end our "m" math, we sorted M&M's by color, completed an individual graph, then made a class graph of our favorite color M&M.

Other Activities:

In center time, we made maracas, built tracks for marbles, and practiced our name with letter magnets.

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Special Reminders:

- Ice Cream for Kindergarten is on Mondays! Please send in 65 cents to purchase ice cream. If you do not wish for your child to have ice cream, please let us know.
- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!
- You may send in a disposable camera with your child's name for use throughout the year.

Homework:

Please check your child's book bag nightly for homework. Also, please try to practice writing your child's first name in cursive nightly; please remember to say the language of instruction for each letter when practicing. If practicing the whole name is too much, then pick a letter in your child's name to practice. Please do not get yourself or your child frustrated when practicing cursive; you should only spend 10 minutes or so at a time on cursive writing practice.

Next Week:

We will begin our study of the letter "f" and we have lots of fun activities planned for the "Family and Friends" unit. Please complete the family scrap book page and return to us.

*"You only have to
read on the days
you eat!"*

***Please contact me with any
questions and concerns:
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